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COMPUTER SCAM IN AGRICULTURE BODIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a CBI inquiry into complaints of irregularities in the purchase of computers and other equipments in the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Indian Council of Agricultural Research is being conducted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CBI has since probed the matter;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons for delay and the steps taken to get the matter expedited soon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. CBI is conducting such inquiry in respect of ICAR.

(b) CBI has registered RC No. DA-1-2000-A-0020 on 26.4.99 against officials of ICAR and of M/s HCL-HP Ltd., New Delhi connection with purchase of computers and allied equipment under NARP-II during 1995-96.CBI has also registered PE 1(A)/2001-ACU-VI/CBI New Delhi against officials of ICAR in connection with purchase of computers under NATP.

(c), (d) & (e) : Documents/information as sought by the CBI in connection with both the cases are being furnished to them from time to time. However, some documents relating to NARP-II could not be sent as these are pending with the World BankEfforts are being made to obtain the same.

As regards purchase of computers under NATP, all the documents so far requisitioned by the CBI have been furnished.